

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, December 11, 2023**

- 7:30 AM Cesar Arevalo Jr.
- 12:30 PM Bernard & Catherine Maggio
- 7:30 PM Spanish Intentions

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023**

- 7:30 AM Joyce Russo
- 12:30 PM Stephen Huggard  
(2nd Anniversary)
- 7:30 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Wednesday, December 13, 2023**

- 7:30 AM Marie & Frank DiLorenzo
- 12:30 PM In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima & Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, December 14, 2023**

- 7:30 AM Isabelle Marino (Anniversary)
- 12:30 PM Dr. Jose Antonio Santos

**Friday, December 15, 2023**

- 7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
- 12:30 PM Msgr. Dominick Graziadeo

**Saturday, December 16, 2023**

- 5:00 PM Richard Going  
Olinda & Ernesto Marques  
Vicencio Viegas  
Manuel Caetano & Family  
Antonio da Silva & Family  
Rosa Branca & Adelino Cruz  
Fiorina Lordi

**Sunday, December 17, 2023**

- 7:00 AM Piedade & Jose Ribeiro
- 8:30 AM Portuguese Intentions
- 10:00 AM George Sommer
- 11:30 AM People of the Parish
- 5:00 PM Spanish Intention
- 7:00 PM Antonio Pires (4th Anniversary)

**PRIEST CELEBRANTS' SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, December 16, 2023**

5:00 PM Fr. Tomaz

**Sunday, December 17, 2023**

7:00 AM Fr. Ngozi

8:30 AM Fr. Tomaz

10:00 AM Fr. Ngozi

11:30 AM Fr. Yesudas

5:00 PM Fr. Basilio

7:00 PM Fr. Yesudas

*(Schedule is subject to change)*

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

*Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure*

**"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - MARK 1:3**

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

- Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> Actual Collection = \$10,299**
- Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> Mail-In Donations = \$3,509**
- Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> Electronic Donations = \$733**
- Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> Total Collection = \$14,541**
- Extra Maintenance = \$714**
- Christmas flowers to date = \$1,490**
- Attendance = 1,058**

**Altar Server Schedule**



- Sat., Dec. 16** 5:00 PM M.Machado
- Sun., Dec. 17** 10:00 AM A.Lima/D.Lima
- 11:30 AM J.Ferreira/M.Kelly

**2023**  
**CATHOLIC**  
**MINISTRIES**  
**APPEAL**

DIocese of Knoxville Center

*One Family - Journeying together in  
Communion, Participation and Mission*

**CMA Numbers for 2023**

- Goal = \$95,900**
- Pledges = \$47,435      Payments = \$47,105
- Donors = 175              Average = \$271

**Thank you to all the families who already have made a sacrificial gift. Please consider a yearly offering.**





*From the depths of my heart and soul; as your pastor, priest and friend; I would like to thank each and every one of you, for your prayers and care during my recent surgery. The operation on my lumbar spine went a bit longer than expected (six hours rather than three); and thus the recovery/rehab was extended as well (six days in the hospital rather than three). But overall, the procedure went superbly; and I'm so glad to be back home at Corpus Christi to recuperate completely.*

*I'm so grateful to God for the gifted doctors, nurses, administrators and staff at St. Francis Hospital who are all so professional and personal. And all of our wonderful parish clergy, staff members, lay leaders and volunteers always continue to keep God's work alive and vibrant here in Mineola.*

*May our Advent season here at Corpus Christi be blessed with the healing and peace of the Lord Jesus who profoundly prepares us for His coming joy at Christmas!*

*Yours in Christ,  
Father Malcolm*

**Praise God!**



**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2023**

**Christmas Eve (Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>)**

4:00 P.M. Family Mass (English)  
6:00 P.M. (English)  
8:00 P.M. (Spanish)  
11:00 P.M. Midnight Mass (English)

**Christmas Day (Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>)**

7:00 A.M. (English)  
8:30 A.M. (Portuguese)  
10:00 A.M. (English)  
11:30 A.M. (English)

**There is no Mass on Christmas Day at night.**

**CONFESSIONS**

**Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 P.M.- 7:30P.M.

**Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 P.M.– 12:00P.M.

**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE 2024**

(Always a Holy Day but this year not obligatory)

**New Year's Day (Monday, January 1st)**

7:00 AM, 8:30 AM (Portuguese), 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM (Spanish)

**There is no Mass on New Year's Day at night.**



## Christmas Pageant

Over the years the children in the Religious Education Program enjoyed re-enacting the Christmas Gospel in different ways.

In 2021 and 2022, we had our “Journey to Bethlehem”. This year we are very honored to be part of the Lessons and Carols Concert on Sunday, December 17, 2023. The children, in costume, will perform a tableaux between each of the Lessons and Carols.

May this beautiful display by our young students in conjunction with the Scripture Readings and Performance by our Choir open our hearts to the Gift of Jesus given to all of us.

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## Corpus Christi 2023 Giving Tree



For many people, the holidays are extremely difficult. This year the Christmas season looks difficult for many. Hunger, poverty, run-away inflation, unemployment, loss of a loved one prevent many people from experiencing the joy of the Christmas season. The Church of Corpus Christi helps bring the miracle of Christmas spiritually and materially to families that are in need through our Giving Tree. Please take an ornament off the tree and purchase the requested gift card which is inside the stocking and return the gift card to us by December 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your wonderful kindness and generosity by making this Christmas season a little brighter for those in our community who are in need.

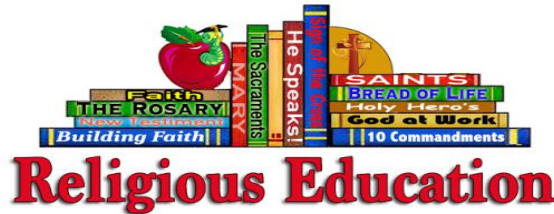
CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH  
Reverend Malcolm J. Burns, *Pastor*  
~Presents~

A FESTIVAL  
OF  
LESSONS  
&  
CAROLS

The  
Combined  
Choirs  
of  
Corpus Christi  
Troy Gordon, *Director of Music*

The Nativity Pageant  
Directed by:  
Susan Anaischik, *Director of Religious Ed*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023  
3:00PM



## Religious Education

<b>Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023</b>	<b>1:30 PM-2:45 PM</b> <u>New</u> altar server training with Deacon Brian and veteran altar servers ( <i>church</i> )
<b>Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b> Gr. 5, 6, IC-3 ( <i>Fitz. Hall</i> ) <b>10:00 AM</b> Class Mass <b>12:30 PM</b> Pageant Dress Rehearsal
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023</b>	<b><u>Penance Workshop</u></b> ( <i>church</i> ) <b>5:30-6:30 PM</b> 2A Mrs. Karen Rosier 2B Ms. Ines DeSousa 2C Mrs. Sandy Fernandes ( <i>Serves as class for the week.</i> )
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023</b>	<u>No class for:</u> 2C Mrs. Fernandes IC-2, IC-3 Ms. Carmen
<b>Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023</b>	<b><u>Penance Workshop</u></b> <b>5:30-6:30 PM</b> 2D Ms. Emily DeSousa IC-2, IC-3 Ms. Carmen ( <i>Serves as class for the week.</i> )
<b>Sunday, Dec. 17, 2023</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b> Lessons and Carols with the Christmas Pageant

### Junior Lectors

**10:00 AM Mass**

<b>Sunday, Dec. 17, 2023</b>	<b>Ashley Ferreira and Jasmine Ferreira</b>
<b>Sunday, Dec. 24, 2023</b>	<b>Marc DaCosta and Julia Ocasio</b>
<b>Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023</b>	<b>Michael Perro and Nicole Henriques</b>

### Junior Lectors' Christmas Schedule

<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Robert Basel and Nick Baker</b>
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Kylie Cunha and Jonathan Arias</b>



**2023 Symbolic Christmas Bulbs Sale**

*We would like to continue the tradition of offering the opportunity to purchase a Symbolic Bulb for the beautiful blue-spruce Christmas tree outside the church in memory or honor of a loved one. We will be offering two opportunities for you to purchase a \$5.00 bulb. • Fill out the form in the church bulletin and place in the collection baskets during each of the masses or send or drop of at the rectory. • Someone will be at the back of the church this weekend, December 2nd & 3rd, after all masses for you to complete a form. The intentions will be placed in a journal and placed on the altar during the Christmas Eve Mass on the 24th. Your intentions will need to be returned to the rectory by Friday 22nd.*

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*Donor:*

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*In Memory of:*

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*In Honor of: (someone who is still alive)*

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*We will light our outdoor Christmas tree with all the symbolic light bulbs on December 17 following “A Festival of Lessons and Carols”.*



## Parish Outreach Sponsors: REMEMBERING YOU FOR CHRISTMAS



At this wonderful time of the year when we remember and celebrate our Savior's birth, we give thanks for the many gifts and blessings we have received. One way to give thanks is by remembering our friends and families by offering Christmas greetings, writing and sending Christmas cards.

Once again, Parish Outreach is sponsoring our "REMEMBERING YOU FOR CHRISTMAS" program. Our outreach is simple and easy. When you are writing out your Christmas cards, write one extra Christmas card for a sick or homebound parishioner. These unseen and still important members of our parish won't be able to join us in person for our parish Christmas celebrations, but we want to let them know that they are still remembered in our hearts, thoughts and especially our prayers.

Bring that Christmas card with you to Mass during the weeks of December 3, 10 & 17 and drop it into the specially prepared mailbox in the lobby of the church or drop

it off at the rectory during normal business hours. Don't worry about addressing it to a specific parishioner or sealing & stamping the card. Members of our Parish Outreach team will take care of that and deliver your joyful greetings to our homebound parishioners.

Help us spread the joy and peace of this holy season to those in need who can't be present with us at Christmas.

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### Our Memorial Christmas Tree Tradition Continues

Help us to remember your deceased loved ones during the Christmas season by bringing a **single** meaningful Christmas ornament to the church to be placed on our memorial Christmas tree in the sanctuary. These ornaments will help beautify our sanctuary and serve as a loving tribute and reminder of those who now celebrate the Savior's birth in our awaited eternal home. These ornaments will serve as a permanent collection and will be used to decorate the memorial tree in future years; therefore, the ornaments will not be returned at the end of the Christmas season but will be stored here at the church. If you would like to bring in a **single** ornament for inclusion on the tree, please drop it off at the rectory during normal office hours.







"Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters and to the desire for a new world."

-- Pope Francis

### **Prepare Your Heart this Advent Season through the Pillar of Prayer**

Advent is here, along with the hustle and bustle of making ready our homes for the Blessed Christmas Season. Now is the time to stay focused on the true meaning of Christmas and prepare our hearts, as well. May we dedicate prayer time to reading over scriptures that highlight our most significant gift—the love of God.

#### **Here are 10 bible verses to reflect on this holiday season:**

**Psalms 107:1** "Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his mercy endures forever!"

**Philippians 4:6** "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."

**Psalms 1:3** "I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; I will declare all your wondrous deeds. I will delight and rejoice in you; I will sing hymns to your name, Most High."

**Colossians 3:15** "And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful."

**Ephesians 5:20** "Giving thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father."

**Psalms 103:1-2** "Bless the LORD, my soul; all my being, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, my soul; and do not forget all his gifts."

**Psalms 28:7** "The LORD is my strength and my shield, in whom my heart trusts. I am helped, so my heart rejoices; with my song I praise him."

**Lamentations 3:25** "The LORD is good to those who trust in him, to the one that seeks him."

**Isaiah 12:5** "Sing praise to the LORD for he has done glorious things; let this be known throughout all the earth."

**Chronicles 16:23-25** "Sing to the LORD, all the earth, announce his salvation, day after day. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. For great is the LORD and highly to be praised; to be feared above all gods."

Sometimes the best gifts to give are the gifts of our time and presence, which makes them such precious commodities. This Advent and Christmas Season, think about how you can be of service and present to a neighbor. Is there someone who needs a ride to a prayer service or to Mass; is there someone who is lonely or will be celebrating the holiday alone? Perhaps you can set a time aside and visit this person or invite him/her to your family celebration. Your gift of service and of presence of yourself are more valuable than any gift you can buy.

**Corpus Christi Knights  
of Columbus Council 2502  
& The Columbiettes  
Will be having a Food Drive**



**When: December 10, 2003**

**Where: Corpus Christi Garage**

**Time: 8:00 am to 2:00pm**

**Please bring any non-perishable items to the garage that day to donate for the less fortunate in our neighborhood for this Christmas Season.**

Gospel: Luke 21:5-11

*“He said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.*”



Please remember the sick in your daily prayers, including the following who have asked to be included in our list:

Connie Altvater, Aurora Antunes, Armandina Araujo, Vinnie Benedetto, Violeta Bernal, Anne Boland, Diane Bombardi, Erin Burke, Marie Byrnes, Jeanne Carroll, Michael Castalino, Frank de Carolis, Sue Citro, Christine Englund, Emmanuel Colon, Joann Cornacchioli, James Cunney, Jerry Daraio, Kate Donovan, Virginia Fallon, Laurie Fefta, Lilly Fuentes, Anne Gallagher, Kenneth Gallagher, Vanessa Gomes, Sue Krebs, Pat Kober, Diane LaBianca, Joseph LaBianca, Lorraine Liqury, Vincent Lodato, Christine Lucivero, Augustus & Camella Lodato, Jason Lopes, Thomas Mitchell, Susan O'Brien, Gabriel Palhete, Linda Pires, Dennis Radovic, Elizabeth Rose, JoAnn Russo, Mary Santucci, Robert Santucci, Ann Schwarz, Lisa Simeone, Lucy Elena Svirichi, Paul Tubito, Lorraine Verdade, and any other members of our parish who are sick at this time.

At the end of the liturgical year we meet some of the most symbol-laden literature in the Bible, about the end of the world. Jesus cautions us by saying, “Take care not to be misled.” The liturgy provides the way to interpret these passages, bidding us take responsibility for our actions, examine where we are spiritually, and face our mortality. It tells us that the end of history will open up a new beginning for mankind.

All human efforts to dominate others will come to a sorry end. Nebuchadnezzar dreamed of a statue with its four principal sections represented the four great kingdoms that successively oppressed Israel: the Babylonians, Medes, Persians and Greeks. No matter how colossal they were, and how seemingly invincible, these kingdoms collapsed. The message was that for all their power and prestige, material wealth and political clout, none of these proud empires could last forever. All that lasts is what God achieves in our lives. this will be the a “kingdom that shall never be destroyed.” But we may have to pass through many difficulties before eventually all will be well, when the Son of Man comes in glory. Jesus foretold the destruction of the wonderful Temple in Jerusalem. Nobody could imagine the temple in Jerusalem being destroyed. But even the finest buildings only last so long. We are meant not to get too attached to structures that do not last. Instead, we are to rely on Jesus, who is greater than the Temple. When all else fails and disappears, He endures, and through our relationship with Him we too will last.



*Please Pray For  
The Deceased*



**Santa Testany  
Eileen Tahany  
Arlene Grossjung  
Ann Libassi  
Luciane Araujo**

Happy New Liturgical Year! Jim O'Keefe

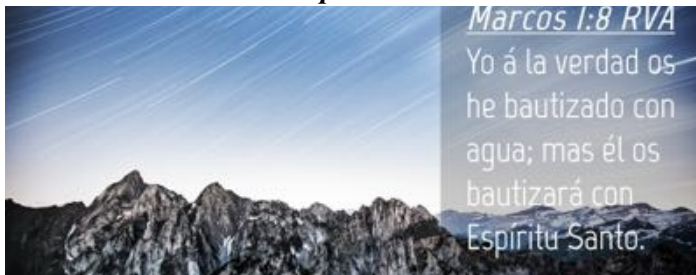
# Español

## II DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO



### EVANGELIO DE SAN MARCOS 1, 1-8

Este es el principio del Evangelio de Jesucristo, Hijo de Dios. En el libro del profeta Isaías está escrito: *“He aquí que yo envío a mi mensajero delante de ti, a preparar tu camino. Voz del que clama en el desierto: Preparan el camino del Señor, enderecen sus senderos. En cumplimiento de esto, apareció en el desierto Juan el Bautista predicando un bautismo de arrepentimiento, para el perdón de los pecados. A él acudían de toda la comarca de Judea y muchos habitantes de Jerusalén; reconocían sus pecados y él los bautizaba en el Jordán. Juan usaba un vestido de pelo de camello, ceñido con un cinturón de cuero y se alimentaba de saltamontes y miel silvestre. Proclamaba: Ya viene detrás de mí uno que es más poderoso que yo, uno ante quien no merezco ni siquiera inclinarme para desatarle la correa de sus sandalias. Yo los he bautizado a ustedes con agua, pero él los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo”.*



Marcos 1:8 RVA

Yo á la verdad os he bautizado con agua; mas él os bautizará con Espíritu Santo.

El domingo anterior, el primero del Adviento, se nos invitó a estar alerta ante la venida del Señor, en continua vigilancia. Hoy, en el segundo domingo de Adviento, se nos pide que seamos pacientes y nos preparemos bien para dicha venida. San Marcos comienza su Evangelio hablándonos del anuncio de San Juan Bautista. Él es el mensajero del que nos

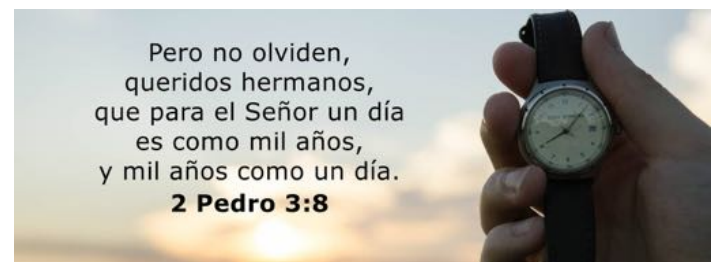
habló el profeta Isaías, el que proclama en el desierto la venida del Salvador, y el que ayuda al pueblo a prepararse para tal acontecimiento. Así es, San Juan Bautista ofrece al pueblo un purificador bautismo de arrepentimiento y conversión interior para que todos los que lo deseen puedan vivir el Reino de Dios. El Adviento no es tiempo de preparar una fiesta pagana, sin la presencia de Dios, pero al contrario, es tiempo de preparación para celebrar el nacimiento del Señor. El Adviento es la ocasión propicia para examinar nuestras deficiencias y aportarlas como material de relleno que sirvan para allanar el camino por el que llega el Señor. Lo que la Iglesia nos pide es que nos acerquemos a la celebración de Navidad con una preparación esmerada que nos haga gozar y vivir el gran misterio de la filiación divina en carne humana. Cambiar nuestros deseos y aspiraciones no significa renuncia a todo nuestro vivir, sino ordenar, proyectar y ejecutar nuestros deseos conforme a esa gran aportación que es la llegada de quien es más fuerte que nosotros.



Consuelen,  
consuelen a mi  
pueblo, dice tu  
Dios, hablen al  
corazón de  
Jerusalén

(Is 40,1)

La primera lectura es el maravilloso canto de la consolación que el profeta lanza en medio del pueblo desterrado en Babilonia. *“Consuelen, consuelen a mi pueblo, dice nuestro Dios. Hablen al corazón de Jerusalén y díganle a gritos que ya terminó el tiempo de su servidumbre y que ya ha satisfecho por sus iniquidades, porque ya ha recibido de manos del Señor castigo doble por todos sus pecados”.* Por eso se debe allanar el sendero, para que el pueblo vuelva bajo la experiencia de una nueva liberación que es tan prodigiosa y mas que la primera, la del Éxodo de Egipto.



Pero no olviden,  
queridos hermanos,  
que para el Señor un día  
es como mil años,  
y mil años como un día.

**2 Pedro 3:8**

# Português

## DOMINGO II DO ADVENTO



### EVANGELHO DE SÃO MARCOS 1, 1-8

Início do Evangelho de Jesus Cristo, Filho de Deus. Está escrito no profeta Isaías: Vou enviar à tua frente o meu mensageiro, que preparará o teu caminho. Uma voz clama no deserto: Preparai o caminho do Senhor, endireitai as suas veredas. Apareceu João Baptista no deserto, a proclamar um baptismo de penitência para remissão dos pecados. Acorria a ele toda a gente da região da Judeia e todos os habitantes de Jerusalém e eram baptizados por ele no rio Jordão, confessando os seus pecados. João vestia-se de pêlos de camelo, com um cinto de cabedal em volta dos rins, e alimentava-se de gafanhotos e mel silvestre. E, na sua pregação dizia: *“Vai chegar depois de mim quem é mais forte do que eu, diante do qual eu não sou digno de me inclinar para desatar as correias das suas sandálias. Eu baptizo-vos na água, mas ele baptizar-vos-á no Espírito Santo”*.



Jerusalém tinha sido destruída pelo rei Nabucodonosor e os israelitas tinham sido conduzidos como escravos para a Babilónia. Depois de uns quarenta anos, eis que surge entre eles um profeta que julga estar próximo o momento de despertar nos exilados a esperança de que a escravidão está terminada e que está iminente o regresso à terra dos seus pais. O trecho da primeira leitura começa com o anúncio da alegria que o Senhor promete pela boca do profeta: *“Consolai, consolai o meu povo...Falai ao coração de Jerusalém e dizei-lhe em alta voz que terminaram os seus trabalhos...porque recebeu da mão do Senhor duplo castigo por todos os seus pecados”*. O profeta anuncia aquele que virá pregar ao povo que preparem no deserto o caminho do Senhor!

### INTENÇÕES PARA O DIA 17 DEE DEZEMBRO

+João Paulo Cunha + Henrique Vaz de Oliveira  
+Dorinda da Silva + Emília Lima + Helena e António da Costa + Dora Adão e pais + Olívia da Silva + José Maria Batista + Júlia e António Martins + Maria e Jose Pereira Cunha

2º domingo do advento:  
"Preparai o caminho do  
Senhor"



O Evangelho Segundo Marcos parece ter sido o primeiro dos Evangelhos a ser redigido, certamente antes do ano 70. Trata-se de uma obra destinada a uma comunidade maioritariamente composta por cristãos vindos diretamente do paganismo, provavelmente a comunidade cristã de Roma. Muitos da comunidade cristã de Roma viam a sua fé abalada por causa da perseguição. Marcos, que conhecia bem esta realidade, queria ajudar os seus